

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 16-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-13 and 16-22 were examined. Claims 9, 11, 13 and 16-22 are allowed, Claims 1, 2, 8, 10 and 12 are rejected and Claims 3-7 are objected to.

In the above amendment, Claims 1, 2, 8, 10 and 12 have been canceled.

Claims 3-7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable. Applicant notes that claim 3 is in independent form. Therefore, claims 3-7 should be in allowable form. Applicant has not canceled or amended these claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claim 9, 11, 13 and 16-22.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 8, 10 and 12 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

This rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of these claims herein above.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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